

QA-244
Ozmon House
Centreville Landing
Private

circa 1870-85

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Captain Ozmon House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Centreville Landing

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

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Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: CWC 86

Folio #: 334

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Captain Ozmon House is located on the north side of the road leading from Chesterfield Avenue across Long Bridge to Spaniards Neck. The house is sited on high ground between the two main branches of Corsica Creek, overlooking Centreville Wharf.

The house is frame, with an L plan. Although it appears to have been built in one stage circa 1880, an illustration of the Centreville waterfront published in the 1877 Atlas shows only the rear section of the house. It is not clear whether this illustration is reliable, but no architectural evidence can be found to confirm the house was built in two parts.

The front section of the house is 2 1/2 stories high, five bays wide, and one room deep. The rear ell is set flush with the south gable wall of the front section. It is also 2 1/2 stories high, three bays wide and one room deep, with a pitched gable roof. A two story open porch is carried across the rear of the main house and along the north wall of the rear wing.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

The pitched roof of the rear ell extends out to include the porch, while the porch on the rear of the main house has a separate, more moderately pitched roof.

The principal facade of the house faces east, toward the road. The door is located in the center bay on the first floor, flanked by two 2/2 windows on each side. There are five 2/2 windows on the second floor. A steeply pitched cross gable with a single segmental sash 2/2 window is centered on this facade. Further emphasis on the center bay is reflected in the spacing of the fenestration and in the entrance door, which is framed with sidelights and a three-light transom. A one story open porch with chamfered posts covers the center three bays on the first floor. The house rests on a continuous brick foundation and is covered with plain horizontal weatherboards, beaded cornerboards, and a wood shingle roof. The eaves are boxed in and finished with a wide frieze board below a deep soffit trimmed with a complex crown mold and bed mold. Single pitched roof 2/2 dormer windows flank the center cross gable.

On the north gable wall of the front section of the house there are two 2/2 windows flanking the flush

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

brick chimney on the first and second floor and two segmental 2/2 windows in the upper gable. The cornice returns at the corners and is carried up the gable eaves.

The south gable wall is identical to the north gable, with 2/2 windows flanking the chimney on each floor.

The south two bays of the rear facade is covered by the rear L. There is a door in the center bay and two 2/2 windows to the left on the first floor and three 2/2 windows on the second floor. One 2/2 pitched roof dormer pierces the roof on the third floor. The two story porch extends across the entire rear facade as well as the north wall of the rear L. It has chamfered posts and a simple railing with scrolled band-saw ballusters.

The north wall of the L has asymmetrical fenestration. On the first floor, there are two doors in the center flanked by single 2/2 windows to each side. There are doors in the east and center bay on the second floor, opening onto the porch, and a single 2/2 window to the west. Three 2/2 pitched roof dormers are ranged across the roof. As previously

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION

noted, the roof of the rear ell is carried out to include the two story porch, similar in appearance to the Captains Houses nearby (QA-198, 199, 200). There are single 2/2 windows in the center of the gable wall on the first and second floor and two 2/2 windows in the upper gable with segmental sash. The south wall of the ell is flush with the south gable wall of the main house. There are two 2/2 windows on the first and second floor and two pitched roof 2/2 dormers on the roof. Both the foundation wall and the siding run continuous across the seam between the two sections of the house. The cornice on the ell is identical to the main house.

The interior of the front section consists of a center stair hall flanked by a single parlor on each side. A door in the rear wall of the south parlor leads to the wing. The stair rises against the north wall of the front hall. It is an open-string stair with turned walnut newels, turned balusters, and a simple walnut rail. Scrolled brackets decorate the stair ends. An original closet below the landing has been removed to form an alcove. The original slate mantels and Latrobe-type stoves were removed by a

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.4 DESCRIPTION

previous owner, and have been replaced with turn-of-the century columned oak mantels and mirrored over-mantels. Surviving original detail includes plaster cornices in the stair hall and the north parlor, and molded Victorian baseboard and architrave trim. The interior of the rear wing has been renovated on the first floor to accommodate a modern kitchen with a circular stair leading up to the second floor. Originally there were two rooms flanking an enclosed stair.

On the second floor, the stair hall is flanked by a large sleeping chamber on each side. The north end of the south chamber is partitioned to allow a hall leading back to the rear wing. Modern closets have been added in the north chamber and the stair to the third floor has been partitioned to conserve heat. The Eastlake mantel in the north chamber is a replacement; much of the original baseboard and architrave trim has survived, however. The second floor of the wing has been renovated.

The third floor remains relatively undisturbed. There are two rooms in the wing and single chambers flanking the stair hall in the main house. The trim

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.5 DESCRIPTION

and the door of the north chamber are painted and grained. An early lock has been removed from the door, leaving a patch of white visible under the grained surface coat.

An iron Wickershain fence remains around part of the yard. The gate has a name plate inscribed "J. H. Ozmon". A stone retaining wall around the base of the yard includes one stone with the date "July 3, 1882" inscribed in the face.

Outbuilding

To the rear of the house is a small frame outbuilding, probably originally used as a privy. It is seven feet square, with a pyramidal roof. There is a door with a two-light transom in the east wall and louvered vents in the side walls. It is covered with plain horizontal weatherboards and beaded cornerboards, and the wood shingle roof is surmounted by a turned finial.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

8/26/80

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

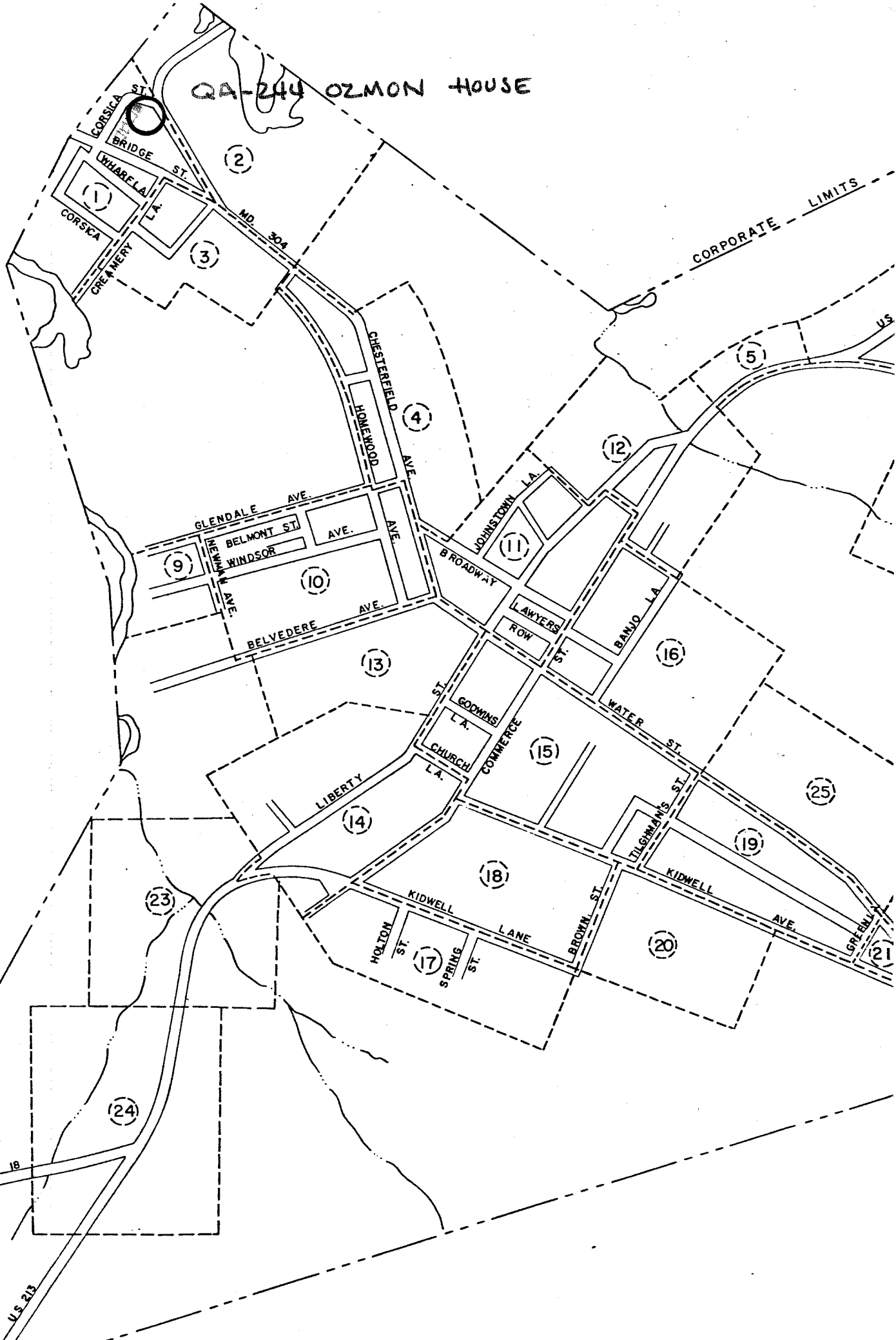
Field Notebook QA-XV; Recorded February 13, 1980.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Captain Ozmon House
Centreville Wharf
Centreville, Maryland
Orlando Ridout V 1980
Front facade from NE



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Captain Ozmon House
Centreville Wharf
Centreville, Maryland
Orlando Ridout V 1980
Rear view from SW